

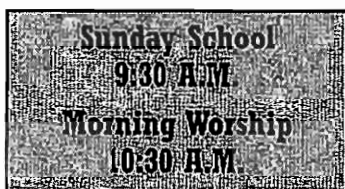


The United Methodist News

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Serving God Our Second 100 Years



Sunday School
9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship
10:30 A.M.

VBS
June 2 - 6

Father's Day
June 15

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Ephesians 6:4 NIV



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PASTOR TO PEOPLE

Earlier this year, the following areas were agreed upon by the persons attending our strategic planning day and the Church Council to be those things we want to be known for as a congregation. These four items are:

- A strong CHILDREN, YOUTH, & COLLEGE AGE ministry so that faith is developed and grown in the lives of young people; aware that they especially need a strong faith to rely upon;
- Build strong FAMILY CONNECTIONS through SMALL GROUPS so that all of us are supported in life and through ministry;
- INFORMATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT A PART OF THE CONGREGATION so that others might know better who and whose we are, and even where we are; this could include highway signage, an outside digital sign, and the use of new technologies;
- A BACKDOOR MINISTRY that reaches out to the most immediate neighborhood around the church so that we are serving those who Christ commands us to love.

It's been almost 4 months since that decision was made. How are we doing? Are we helping others relate to God? Are we helping each other serve God's mission? What do we need to be doing now to move forward? What foundational work needs to be prepared this summer for the next school year?

The United Methodist Church understands her purpose to be the making of disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. As a congregation, we want to grow and reach more people. As a people, we know there are many persons who need to hear the message of grace and each one of us have gifts and graces to offer others.

And so, together, as we continue the work of the church, we pray, "Spirit of promise, Spirit of unity, we thank you that you are also the Spirit of renewal. Renew in the whole Church, that passionate desire for the coming of your kingdom which will unite all Christians in one mission to the world. May we grow together into him who is our head, the Savior of the world. Amen." *(The United Methodist Book of Worship)*

Grace & peace,

REV. GREGORY J. TENER



Mission Opportunity

Do you have a heart for missions?

We have a mission opportunity in the works! We plan to partner with Chapel Hill UMC of Oklahoma City, to visit Cameron, LA, for a mission involving helping to rebuild a church north of Cameron which was damaged/destroyed by Hurricane Rita.

Chapel Hill has made some five mission trips to the area.

Details are being worked out but these are the basics we know to date. The trip is scheduled October 12-18, 2008. We will go by van, leaving on Sunday and returning on Saturday. We'll be housed by Sweet Lake UMC, where we'll stay in the church.

The costs are estimated at \$250 per person, which includes gasoline, meals and lodging while there. We'll need to pay for our own meals while traveling.

They say there is plenty to do for both skilled and unskilled workers.

Additional information will be coming soon. If you are interested in sharing the love of Christ through an effort such as this, and in having fun along the way, contact Peggy Talley, 647-4116, or let Brenda know of your interest and we'll contact you.

Poteau F.U.M.C. Report For April, 2008	
2008 Average Attendance Figures for April:	152
2008 Budget Requirements:	\$336,245.22
Needed for Budget Each Week:	\$6,466.26
Needed thru April:	\$109,926.42
April Receipts:	\$30,697.17
April Expenditures:	\$29,652.78

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Bishop	Robert E. Hayes
District Superintendent	Sanford (Sandy) Wylie
Pastor	Gregory J. Tener
Youth & Children's Director	Kim Hardaway
Music Director	Steve Clark
Church Secretary	Brenda Ferguson
Lead Nursery Attendant	Jayla Craig
Organist	Wendy Kelly
Custodian and Door Opener	Ted Kilgore

District web page address: www.gbqm-umc.org/mc-dist/

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WORSHIP BULLETIN DEADLINE:
 Sunday Worship Bulletin, 10 a.m. each Thursday

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 In order to provide an informative newsletter, information must be turned in by the **third Friday of every month** so the newsletter can be prepared and delivered by the first of the month. Thank you.

- **SUNDAY** •
 Methodist Youth Fellowship, 5:00 p.m.
 - **MONDAY – FRIDAY** •
 Christian Preschool, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Ed. Bldg.
 - **TUESDAY** •
 Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m., CFLC
 - **WEDNESDAY** •
 Handbell Practice, 5:15 p.m., Balcony
 Celebration Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
 - **THURSDAY** •
 Mother's Day Out, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 1 VBS Meeting for all helpers, 6 p.m.
 - 2 Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon through Fri., June 6
 - 8 Pink Basket Day for Khia Brookfield, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
 - 15 Father's Day
 - 29 Pink Basket Day for Jenci Quarry, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

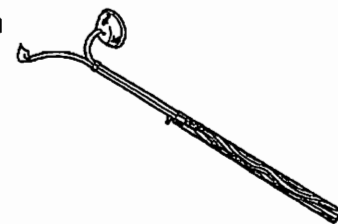
MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

- June 1 Dula Baker and Genny Dorsey
- June 8 Lloyd and Dana Lee
- June 15 Brian and Katie Shore
- June 22 Marvin and Janet DeSpain
- June 29 Curtis and Dorothy James



MORNING WORSHIP ACOLYTES

- June 1 Charlee Gilliam
- June 8 Emily Harreld
- June 15 Dawson Perry
- June 22 Sam Shore
- June 29 Connor Matos



Thank you boys and girls for your important part in our worship service.



Card of Thanks



Mark and I would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls during the loss of my mom. Thanks to all who helped prepare the meal after the service. Your generosity and kindness were appreciated by our entire family. We are blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

With love,
Mark and Edie McMillin

The Senior Brunch honoring the Seniors was wonderful. Thank you to this Church Family for all the love and support you have given to us over the years.

The Gilliam Family

To the Poteau First United Methodist Church:

You all are truly the definition of a church family.

Thank you so much for the continuous flow of cards, phone calls, food, visits, and prayers.

My mother loved her church and the people who made it. You all helped her so much throughout her illness.

Thank you again for your precious care of her.

In Christ's Love,
The Sue Stottsberry Family

Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the wonderful Blue Basket Day. We are blessed to have a wonderful church to celebrate a new family member with. We appreciate all of the time and energy spent on the special day. We also appreciate all of the gifts and well wishes. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Chad, Julie, Caleb and Cole Bridges

Church Family,

Thank you Church Family for the Senior Brunch. It was wonderful getting to spend time with everyone.

Senior 2008
Bryan Gilliam



Our Sympathy Extended

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Sue Stottsberry who passed away May 2, and to the family of Lois Baswell who passed away May 17.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Welcome New Members!

We welcome our newest members into our church. Pete and Renee Stottsberry joined on May 18.

Be sure and let them know how happy we are to have them as part of our church family.



Announce Birth



Jeremy and Kaycee Quarry announce the birth of their daughter, Jenci Kayte, on May 19. Jenci weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 19" long.

Jenci has a sister, Baleigh Michele and a brother, Warrick Kayne. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Carol Baker.



Pink Basket Day

It is a blessing to welcome new babies into our church family. That blessing will be doubled this month when we will have two Pink Basket Days.

Sunday, June 8 after worship you are invited to the Fellowship Hall to welcome Khia Brookfield, daughter of Sterling and Chris Brookfield, and granddaughter of Phyllis and Jerry Kemp. Khia was born April 24.

Then on Sunday, June 29 following morning worship you can meet Jenci Quarry.

There will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall and baskets to place cards and gifts welcoming our newest arrivals.

United Methodist Church
PRESCHOOL



By
Tracey Gilliam,
Preschool
Director

Preschool graduation was great!

A big thank you to Ruth Ann DeCamp, Martha Renfro, Dana Lee, Genny Dorsey, and Liz Perry for making cookies for the celebration.

The preschool staff also wants to say thank you to Janet DeSpain for decorating and serving refreshments at graduation.

The church is blessed to have members such as Lloyd Lee. Recently he built a much-needed storage shelf for the preschool.

The preschool staff appreciates him very much.

Remember during the summer vacation season that the ministries of the church continue. Please remember the church budget and keep your giving up to date during absences.

Youth and Children's News

Kim Hardaway, Youth and Children's Director

VBS

Vacation Bible School is June 2 - 6 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. At this BEACH PARTY, your children will become surfers riding the wave of God's love!

There is a meeting at 6 p.m. on June 1st for ALL who are helping with VBS.

A big THANK YOU to those of you who purchased surfboard supplies for VBS! All the surfboard slips were taken and their items contributed!

UMYF

The UMYF summer schedules were mailed out Thursday, May 29. Please see Kim if you didn't get one and would like to have one.

The schedule is as follows:

June 1: VBS Mission Night (we will be decorating and training for VBS)

June 8: No UMYF. Shareholder Sales begin for mission youth after morning worship.

June 9-13: SMAC District Camp

June 13: Illinois River Float Trip (leave church at 10 a.m. (unless at camp); return home at 8 p.m.)

June 15: Welcome Night to incoming 6th graders

June 22: Regular UMYF

June 22-26: Youth Force in OKC (we have 5 attending)

June 29: UMYF: Flamingo Fundraiser Kick Off (Beware of the Flamingo flock!)

July 6: Regular UMYF

Middle School Midweek

Middle school students have been meeting from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. It was a time of study, service, snacking, and socializing! The service portion took us many places and helped others in various ways.

Our final service was to collect much-needed food and supplies for the KiBois Food Pantry and Poteau Valley Humane Society. Thank you to those who contributed to this endeavor.

The following was collected for the food pantry: 30 lbs. flour, 38 lbs. sugar, 9 lbs. shortening, 7 lbs. coffee, 117 boxes of food, and 29 canned goods.

And for the humane society: 116 lbs. dry dog food, 32 cans of dog food, 8 large containers soap products, 22 rolls of paper towels, 12 collars, 7 leashes, dog toys and 2 bed pillows.

WOW! Both agencies were very grateful for our contributions.



Mother's Day Out

NOTE: MOTHER'S DAY OUT IS SWITCHING TO THURSDAYS FOR THE SUMMER.

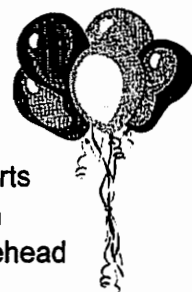
Mothers Day Out is from 10 to 1 in the nursery rooms of the Education Building and is for ages 1 to 3.

Cost is \$10 for the entire time.

Parents should bring a snack sack of food with child's name on it and a diaper bag with diapers and wipes.

June Birthdays

- 2 Linda Hebert and R.L. Sockey, Jr.
- 3 Joel Talley and Michael Preston
- 6 Donna Johnston
- 7 Debby Jarrett
- 9 Clifford England
- 13 Phyllis Roberts and Stacey Roberts
- 14 Martha Kidd and Marvin DeSpain
- 16 Nikki Wigginton and Kenny Whitehead
- 17 Robin Mason
- 18 Paul Stottsberry and Jon Gaston
- 21 Evelyn White and Mary-Catherine Hallmark
- 22 Vicki Mason
- 23 Gene Wheat
- 25 Betty Gillson, Amy Stubbs, and Connor Matos
- 28 Linda Brown and Jesse Barnes
- 30 Patrick Ford



June Anniversaries

- 5 Ron and Marsha Cofer
- 6 Gene and Dana Wheat
- 8 Brian and Katie Shore
- 10 Jake and Ashley Thompson
- 17 Curtis and Dorothy James
- 18 Ronnie and Becky Bell
- 22 Wayne and Judy Moore
- 24 Ronnie and Christy Oehlschlager
- 25 Ben and Judy Curtis



Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to our high school graduates, Sarah Mixon, Samantha Stoughton, and Bryan Gilliam.

We also applaud our college graduates.

